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Applicants have become aware of the following printed publications which may be material to the examination of this application:

- Doucette-Stamm *et al.*, "Cloning and Sequence of the Human  $\alpha_7$  Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor," *Drug Dev. Res.* 30: 252-256 (1993) disclose the isolation and sequence of clones corresponding to the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptor. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Doucette-Stamm *et al.* do not disclose isolated fragments of the human  $\alpha_7$  sequence, encoded by SEQ ID Nos. 85-103 of the presently claimed invention. Furthermore, Doucette-Stamm *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, comprising the step of hybridizing fragments of the  $\alpha_7$  sequence encoded by SEQ ID Nos. 9-11 and 84-103 of the presently claimed invention to nucleic acid of the biological sample; nor do Doucette-Stamm *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ,



using at least two primers selected from SEQ ID Nos. 1-8 and 12-83 of the presently claimed invention;

- Chini *et al.*, "Molecular Cloning and Chromosomal Localization of the Human  $\alpha 7$ -Nicotinic Receptor Subunit Gene (CHRNA7)," *Genomics* 19: 379-381 (1994) disclose nucleotide and amino acid sequences for the human  $\alpha 7$  neuronal nicotinic subunit for chromosome 15, band q14 region. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Chini *et al.* do not disclose isolated fragments of the  $\alpha 7$  sequence encoded by SEQ ID Nos. 84-103 of the presently claimed invention. Furthermore, Chini *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha 7$  in a biological sample, comprising the step of hybridizing fragments of the  $\alpha 7$  sequence encoded by SEQ ID Nos. 9-11 and 84-103 of the presently claimed invention to nucleic acid of the biological sample; nor do Chini *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha 7$ , using at least two primers selected from SEQ ID Nos. 1-8 and 12-83 of the presently claimed invention;
- Garcia-Guzman *et al.*, " $\alpha$ -Bungarotoxin-sensitive Nicotinic Receptors on Bovine Chromaffin Cells: Molecular Cloning, Functional Expression and Alternative Splicing of the  $\alpha 7$  Subunit," *Eur. J. Neurosci.* 7: 647-655 (1995) disclose that  $\alpha$ -bungarotoxin-sensitive acetylcholine receptors from bovine chromaffin cells contain an  $\alpha 7$  subunit homologous to those previously cloned from chicks, rats and humans, and show alternative splicing of the  $\alpha 7$  subunit transcript. Garcia-Guzman *et al.* do not disclose isolated fragments of the  $\alpha 7$  sequence encoded by SEQ ID Nos. 84-103 of the presently claimed invention. Furthermore, Garcia-Guzman *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha 7$  in a biological sample, comprising the step of hybridizing fragments of the  $\alpha 7$  sequence encoded by SEQ ID Nos. 9-11 and 84-103 of the presently claimed invention to nucleic acid of the biological sample; nor do Garcia-Guzman *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha 7$ ,

using at least two primers selected from SEQ ID Nos. 1-8 and 12-83 of the presently claimed invention;

- Anand and Lindstrom, "Nucleotide sequence of the human nicotinic acetylcholine receptor  $\beta_2$  subunit gene," *Nuc. Acids Res.* 18: 4272 (1990) disclose the nucleotide sequence of human acetylcholine receptor  $\beta_2$  subunit gene. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Anand and Lindstrom do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Anand and Lindstrom do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Anand and Lindstrom disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Deneris *et al.*, "Primary Structure and Expression of  $\beta_2$ : A Novel Subunit of Neuronal Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors," *Neuron* 1: 45-54 (1988) disclose the  $\beta_2$  subunit of the neuronal receptor family. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Deneris *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Deneris *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Deneris *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Fornasari *et al.*, "Structural and Functional Characterization of the Human  $\alpha_3$  Nicotinic Subunit Gene Promoter," *Mol. Pharmacol.* 51: 250-261 (1997) disclose the structural and functional features of the human  $\alpha_3$  nicotinic receptor subunit promoter, and investigate the tissue-specific activity of the human  $\alpha_3$  gene 5' regulatory sequences. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Fornasari *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Fornasari *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Fornasari *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;  
and

- Fornasari *et al.*, "Molecular cloning of human neuronal nicotinic receptor  $\alpha_3$ -subunit," *Neurosci. Lett.* 111: 351-356 (1990) disclose a protein showing high homology to rat  $\alpha_3$  neuronal nicotinic receptor, and identify this protein as the human  $\alpha_3$ -nicotinic subunit. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Fornasari *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Fornasari *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Fornasari *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ .

Applicants have included the following publications in which the inventors are co-authors. These publications, while not prior art, have been included for completeness:

- Gault *et al.*, "Genomic Organization and Partial Duplication of the Human  $\alpha_7$  Neuronal Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor Gene (CHRNA7), *Genomics* 52: 173-185 (1998) disclose the cloning, sequencing, and characterization of a putative promoter 5' of the translation start in exon 1 of the human  $\alpha_7$  neuronal nicotinic acetyl receptor gene;
- Leonard *et al.*, "Linkage of a chromosome 15 locus to a neurophysiological deficit in schizophrenia," *Am. J. Human Genet.* 59: A225 (1996) investigate an inhibitory neuronal mechanism which regulates response to auditory stimuli, and suggest that the  $\alpha_7$  neuronal nicotinic receptor is a candidate gene in this pathway. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Leonard *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Breese *et al.*, "Comparison of the Regional Expression of Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor  $\alpha_7$  mRNA and [ $^{125}$ I]- $\alpha$ -bungarotoxin binding in Human Postmortem Brain," *J. Comp. Neurol.* 387: 385-398 (1997) compare the expression of  $\alpha_7$  mRNA and the localization of bungarotoxin binding sites in

human brain. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Breese *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Breese *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Breese *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;

- Leonard *et al.*, "Genomic Structure of the Human  $\alpha_7$  Neuronal Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor Subunit," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience*, 27th Annual Meeting, October 25-30 (1997) disclose the genomic structure for the human  $\alpha_7$  gene (*i.e.*, exon/intron borders, promoter, and 3'-UT sequence). Unlike the presently claimed invention, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Leonard *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Freedman *et al.*, "Linkage of a neurophysiological deficit in schizophrenia to a chromosome 15 locus," *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 94: 587-592 (1997) disclose that a defect in a neuronal mechanism which regulates response to auditory stimuli is linked to a dinucleotide polymorphism at chromosome 15q13-14, the site of the  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Freedman *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Freedman *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Freedman *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Logel *et al.*, "Expression of High and Low Affinity Neuronal Nicotinic Receptors in Tissues of Neural Crest Origin," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience*, 27th Annual Meeting, October 25-30 (1997) investigate the expression of neuronal nicotine receptor subunits in cells of neural crest origin, and suggest that specific subunits of the neuronal nicotinic receptors are present

in peripheral tissues of neural crest origin. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Logel *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Logel *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Logel *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;

- Breese *et al.*, "Abnormal Regulation of High Affinity Nicotinic Receptor Binding in Schizophrenics," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience, 27th Annual Meeting, October 25-30 (1997)* disclose the possibility of an alteration in the regulation of high affinity nicotinic receptor expression by nicotine use in schizophrenia. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Breese *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Breese *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Breese *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Gault *et al.*, "Contig construction across the 15q14 schizophrenia linkage region and candidate gene characterization of the partially duplicated  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor," *Am. J. Human Genet.* 63: A249 (1998) disclose the assembly of a contig across the 15q14 schizophrenia linkage region, which includes the  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptor gene, and investigate this region's linkage to the schizophrenia phenotype. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Gault *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Gault *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Gault *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Leonard *et al.*, "Additional evidence for a chromosome 15 locus in schizophrenia: Analysis of affected sibpairs from the NMH genetics initiative," *Am. J. Human Genet.* 63: A297 (1998) investigate the presence of a dinucleotide-repeat marker, D15S1360, containing the coding region of  $\alpha_7$

neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor gene in affected sibpairs from the NIMH genetics initiative. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Leonard *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;

- Leonard *et al.*, "Further Investigation of a Chromosome 15 Locus in Schizophrenia: Analysis of Affected Sibpairs From the NIMH Genetics Initiative," *Am. J. Med. Genet.* 81: 308-312 (1998) disclose that analysis of affected sibpairs from the NIMH Genetics Initiative shows a significant proportion of D15S1360 alleles shared identical-by-descent, and gives support for the involvement of this chromosomal locus in the genetic transmission of schizophrenia. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Leonard *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Zetterström *et al.*, "Polymorphisms at the Calcitonin/CGRP- $\alpha$  Gene Locus: Investigation of Possible Associations with Neurological or Psychiatric Disease," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience*, 28th Annual Meeting, November 7-12 (1998) investigate possible associations of polymorphisms (*i.e.*, single nucleotide polymorphisms, deletion and missense mutation) with neurological or psychiatric diseases such as bipolar affective disorder, Parkinson's disease and schizophrenia. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Zetterström *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Zetterström *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Zetterström *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;

- Drebing *et al.*, "Expression of the Human  $\alpha_7$  Neuronal Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor and a Partial Gene Duplication," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience*, 28th Annual Meeting, November 7-12 (1998) disclose that human  $\alpha_7$  neuronal nicotinic receptor can be detected in cycloheximide treated immortalized lymphocytes by ectopic PCR. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Drebing *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Drebing *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Drebing *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Leonard *et al.*, "Genomic Organization and Partial Duplication of the Human  $\alpha_7$  Neuronal Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor Subunit Gene," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience*, 28th Annual Meeting, November 7-12 (1998) disclose the cloning, sequencing, and characterization of a putative promoter 5' of the translation start in exon 1 of the human  $\alpha_7$  neuronal nicotinic acetyl receptor gene. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Leonard *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Leonard *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Dudek *et al.*, "Expression in Human Brain of Novel Exons Associated with a Partial Duplication of the  $\alpha_7$  Neuronal Nicotinic Receptor," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience*, 28th Annual Meeting, November 7-12 (1998) disclose that proximal to the full-length human  $\alpha_7$  neuronal nicotinic receptor subunit gene, exons 5 to 10 have been duplicated with intervening intron sequences, and four novel exons A, B, C and D were found 5' to exon 5 in the duplication clones. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Dudek *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Dudek *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Dudek *et al.* disclose

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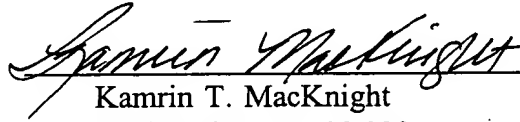
- Breese *et al.*, "Abnormal Regulation of the High Affinity Nicotinic Receptors in Schizophrenia," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience*, 28th Annual Meeting, November 7-12 (1998) characterize [ $^3\text{H}$ ]-epibatidine, a novel nicotinic receptor ligand in human postmortem brain, and give support that an abnormality in the regulation of the high affinity neuronal nicotinic receptors may be involved in the neuropathophysiology of schizophrenia through studies comparing nicotinic receptor binding in the cortex and caudate areas. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Breese *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Breese *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Breese *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ;
- Lee *et al.*, "The Effect of Nicotine and Haloperidol on High Affinity Nicotinic Receptors and Dopamine D2 Receptors in the Rat Brain," *Abstracts, Society for Neuroscience*, 28th Annual Meeting, November 7-12 (1998) disclose that haloperidol has no effect on nicotine induced upregulation of nicotinic binding in rat, and suggest that decreased nicotine binding in brains of schizophrenic smokers is not due to chronic treatment with typical neuroleptics. Unlike the presently claimed invention, Lee *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Lee *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Lee *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ ; and
- Adler *et al.*, "Schizophrenia, Sensory Gating, and Nicotinic Receptors," *Schizophrenia Bulletin* 24: 189-202 (1998) summarize findings implicating the  $\alpha_7$ -nicotinic receptor in schizophrenia, and discuss implications for the pathogenesis of schizophrenia that arise from studies of  $\alpha_7$ -nicotinic receptor effects on cell growth and differentiation. Unlike the presently claimed



invention, Adler *et al.* do not disclose isolated nucleotide sequences encoding a portion of the human  $\alpha_7$  nicotinic receptor. Furthermore, Adler *et al.* do not disclose methods for detection of a polynucleotide encoding  $\alpha_7$  in a biological sample, nor do Adler *et al.* disclose methods for amplification of nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing nucleic acid encoding  $\alpha_7$ .

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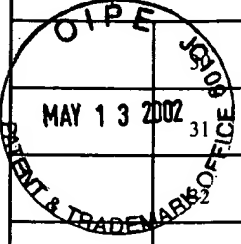
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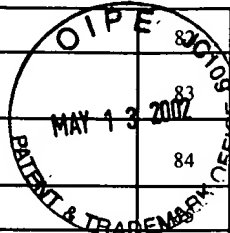
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